

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2006, claims 1, 14, 15, 23-26, 29-34 and 39-44 have been amended, and claims 10-13, 27 and 28 have been canceled. Claims 1-9, 14-26 and 29-44 are now pending in this application. No new matter has been added.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

Claims 1-44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamamoto et al. (US 2003/0005056).

To expedite prosecution, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*:

...
data file receiving means for a receiving data file including date information and a content of work;

link information creating means for creating link information based on data included in the data file, the link information indicating relation between the data and the time table; and

icon storing means for storing an icon created based on the link information, the icon being displayed in the time table, wherein

when the data file receiving means receives the data file, the time table displaying means displays a specific item of the list of items of the second divisions of time according to the date information included in the data file, while indicating a presence of the data file corresponding to the specific item,

an icon for a schedule itself and an icon for a file data attached to each schedule are different from each other, and

the time table displaying means displays the link information in a form of the icon by relating the link information to the time table.

Independent claims 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 33 and 34 and been amended to recite similar subject matter. In addition, independent claim 39 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*:

- ...
- (c) *creating link information based on data included in the data file, the link information indicating relation between the data and the time table; and*
 - (d) *storing an icon created based on the link information, the icon being displayed in the time table, wherein an icon for a schedule itself and an icon for a file data attached to each schedule are different from each other,*
when the data file is received,
 - (e) *displaying a specific item of the list of items of the second divisions of time according to the date information included in the data file, while indicating a presence of data file corresponding to the specific item so as to display the link information in a form of the icon by relating the link information to the time table.*

Independent claims 40-41 have been amended in a similar manner. Independent claim 42 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*:

- ...
- (c) *creating link information based on data included in the data file, the link information indicating relation between the data and the time table; and*
 - (d) *storing an icon created based on the link information, the icon being displayed in the time table, wherein an icon for a schedule itself and an icon for a file data attached to each schedule are different from each other,*
when the data file is received,
 - (e) *displaying a specific item of the list of items of the second divisions of time according to the date information included in the data file, while indicating a presence of data file corresponding to the specific item so as to display the link information in a form of the icon by relating the link information to the time table.*

Independent claims 43 and 44 have been amended in a similar manner.

Finally, independent claims 31 and 32 have been amended to be dependent claims, and 10-13, 27 and 28 have been canceled.

In Fig. 27 of Yamamoto et al., the information is all represented by characters (letter string). Since the screen is small in such a mobile information apparatus as disclosed in Yamamoto et al., the characters are too small to see. For example, Fig. 27 Yamamoto et al. shows a sample where the terms (periods of time, time slots, or time zones) of the schedules are

different by chance (17:00, 20:00 and 22:00). However, if the term of "PR RECOMMENDABLE BAR INFO" is the same as or similar to the term of "● MEETING," "RELATED INFO EXISTS" and "SINJUKU M-PAVILION," the display will be very restricting.

Specifically, Yamamoto et al. has only a disclosure that schedules are represented by characters (letter string) completely in, not only the display showing a detail of each schedule like Fig. 28, but also, even in the display showing an overview of schedules such as that of Fig. 27. Yamamoto et al. does not have a disclosure of packing the schedules in a compact manner, as well as of making the schedules easy to see.

Moreover, in Yamamoto et al., "● MEETING" is a mere letter string showing that there is a meeting in this term (period of time, time slot, or time zone), it is not a button. In order to see detailed information of the meeting, a user needs to click a button *other than the letter string*. In Fig. 27 of Yamamoto et al., a user needs to click "RELATED INFO EXISTS."

In contrast, in accordance with what is recited in the amended independent claims of the present application, in the calendar display or in the display that shows one day on the screen, each schedule and each attached file *are both shown by icons*. Therefore, a user can ascertain if there are data or not without the necessity of patiently (i.e., uncomplainingly) reading a restricted display.

Moreover, each schedule itself and each attached file can be distinguished from each other in a state of icons. As a result, when a user wants to ascertain whether each drawn item shows a schedule or an attached file, the user can ascertain it at a glance; i.e., the user does not

have to read small characters and does not have to open a detailed display each time for each information. Therefore, the display is very easy to use.

Thus, Yamamoto et al. does not disclose or suggest the features now recited in amended independent claims 1, 23-26, 29, 30, 33, 34 and 39-44. Consequently, amended independent claims 1, 23-26, 29, 30, 33, 34 and 39-44 are patentable over Yamamoto as are dependent claims 2-9, 14-22, 31, 32 and 35-38, as amended, and their allowance is respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

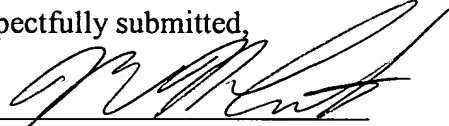
In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Edward J. Wise, Reg. No. 34,523 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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